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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FIBER- REINFORCED THERMOPLASTICS, AND FIBER-REINFORCED THERMOPLASTICS)	
)	Date: May 30, 2007

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants request the Examiner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement and documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced Application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe a fee is due for filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

The documents included in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in an International Search Report dated December 5, 2005 and a Supplementary European Search Report dated April 18, 2007, copies of which are attached for the Examiner's convenience. With the exception of U.S. Patents and Publications, copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." Applicants reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

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13. Japan Composite Material Institute, "Composite Material Handbook", Nikkan Kogyo, November 20, 1989, pp 554-567.
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